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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1853

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV PINT PGOV RH  
SUBJ: PATRIOTIC FRONT VIEWS COMMONWEALTH FORCE, CARETAKER  
PERIOD

1. IN JUNE 30 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FIBIAN MAKONI AND AMOS NGWENYA OF ZAPU STATED THAT NKOMO WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPT THE INTRODUCTION OF A COMMONWEALTH FORCE, UNITED NATIONS TROOPS, OR AN ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE FORCE IN ZIMBABWE DURING ANY PROPOSED CARETAKER PERIOD. MAKONI SAID ONLY A FORCE SPONSORED BY THE OAU MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO NKOMO.

2. MAKONI ADDED THAT DURING ANY CARETAKER PERIOD ARISING FROM THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MUST CONTROL THE REINS OF POWER BECAUSE ONLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTS THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE. MAKONI AND NGWENYA FURTHER CONTENDED THAT SINCE THERE IS A STATE OF WAR IN  
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RHODESIA WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT BEARING THE BRUNT OF FIGHTING SMITH, THE FRONT IS THE ONLY NATIONALIST PARTY WITH A LEGITIMATE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING WITH OR OTHERWISE TAKING OVER POWER FROM THE SMITH REGIME.

COMMENT: ZAPU'S SUGGESTION THAT AN OAU APPROVED FORCE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE SHOULD BE SEEN IN LIGHT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S

CURRENT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXCLUSIVE OAU RECOGNITION AS REPRESENT-  
ATIVES OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE.  
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